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ADPi and Lambda Chi triumph at Lip Jam 2017

By GEORDIE KENNEDY

An annual greek tradition took place in Palmer Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 26. Lip Jam, Montevallo's lip-syncing contest held between greek organizations treated a large audience of students and family members to a whimsical and unique take on the average talent show.

Hosted by Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Lip Jam's moderate fee for entry went to benefit Fighting Hunger, an organization dedicated to anti-poverty measures on a domestic level in the United States, and the ongoing philanthropy of Alpha Gam.

Each year, competing lip-sync groups are assigned a playlist for the performance based on an overarching theme. This year, greeks were randomly paired with a movie soundtrack for their performance.

The event itself was a mix of comedic and often nonsensical lip-sync performance and professional level choreography. Exemplifying the strangeness of the event was Alpha Kappa Lambda's showstopping choreography to "The Fate of the Furious," followed immediately by a duet tango between two of the brothers, one of whom was in drag.

By the end of the night, AKL won second place in the fraternity category.

Further down in the fraternity



Lambda Chi's high-energy performance propelled them to their win. Photo by Aubrey Spencer.

lineup, the Alpha Tau Omega's were in their element with a show of both Alabama and fraternity pride with a dance to the soundtrack of "Forrest Gump." Despite the tight competition, the fraternity winner was Lambda Chi Alpha with an explosive performance to the soundtrack to "Space Jam." The brothers of Lambda Chi slam-dunked their performance with tight choreography, well mixed music and a healthy helping of humor.

The sororities brought up the second half of the night with an equal show of skill and fun. Keeping with the theme of the night, campus sororities competed for lip-sync superiority with their own

selection of movie themes.

Second place was secured by Phi Mu's fierce performance to the theme of the 2014 hit, "Divergent." While the soundtrack proved to be a step darker and more intense than some of the other sets, the Phi Mus used this to their advantage, setting themselves apart from the pack with an equally intense act.

Among a full night of strong performances, one sorority pulled ahead with a unique, jazzy twist. Alpha Delta Pi's performance set to the 2013 "Great Gatsby" soundtrack was a black and white whirlwind paired with the film's unique fusion of jazz and pop. Choreography was tight and

cohesive in both the solo and group sections of the act, leaving the auditorium roaring with applause.

The night was rounded off by a non-competitive performance by Alpha Gamma Delta. While the judges' results were tallied, the sorority performed a routine set to the widely beloved soundtrack of "Guardians of the Galaxy."

By the end of the night, Alpha Gamma Delta raised over 1500 dollars for Fighting Hunger.

NEWS in BRIEF

By CALEB JONES

On Sept. 20, Hurricane Maria touched down in Puerto Rico as a Category 5 hurricane that caused a great deal of damage to the island, and left the majority of it without electricity. Even now, Puerto Rico is still lacking 75 percent of its electric power. To help with the Puerto Rican energy problem, tech company Tesla and founder Elon Musk has implemented batteries as well as solar panels that they were able to use to successfully bring electricity back to Hospital del Niño (Children's Hospital) in San Juan. Musk referred to the project as "the first of many solar and battery Tesla projects going live in Puerto Rico."

According to the Associated Press, Bruce Paddock, the brother of Las Vegas shooter Stephen Paddock, was arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of possessing child pornography. He is charged with possessing over 600 pornographic images of children, as well as 19 counts of sexual exploitation of a child. He is being detained at the Los Angeles Police Department's Metropolitan Detention Center, with bail set at \$60,000.

Police in Tampa, Florida are on the hunt for a suspected serial killer who has already taken three lives. Police believe victims Benjamin Mitchell, 22, Monica Hoffa, 32, and Anthony Naiboa, 20, were targeted at random due to the fact they didn't know each other, weren't robbed and were all shot within a mile radius near bus stops in Tampa's Seminole Heights. Police have posted a video of a person of interest, but they currently do not have a name and are unable to determine from the video age or gender, and do not have a clear shot of the person's face.

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated in Mexico, and even by many people in the U.S. It's a sacred holiday reserved for remembering and celebrating the lives of friends and family who have passed away. According to the Associated Press, celebrations this year are opening on a more somber note as Mexico mourns the 369 people killed in the Sept. 19 earthquake. Altars with colorful skeletons and orange helmets worn by earthquake rescuers were on display in Mexico City as a tribute to the strength and solidarity shown by citizens after the quake. Despite this great tragedy, people still haven't lost the spirit of this celebration of remembrance. As survivor Carlos Luz describes, "This is going to be very difficult, because it was all very recent, but in the end, we are honoring their memory."

Provost speaks at SGA Town Hall

By JAMIE HAAS

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, SGA hosted the academic year's first Town Hall in Farmer Hall's meeting room.

The night featured two speakers: UM's new provost, Dr. James McDonald and Library Director Charlotte Ford. McDonald spoke first and proposed four potential initiatives he believes would improve the University through the point-of-view of recruitment, retention and timely graduation.

The first suggestion McDonald made was that of an improved first year experience. The provost emphasized not only assimilating students into the University, but orienting them toward their specific college.

"We want students in the department of social sciences to learn what it means to think like a social scientist," said McDonald. He informed the room that the faculty senate is currently working on a program to address those needs, as well as others, such as teaching incoming students other necessary college skills like time management and studying.

The second initiative McDonald proposed was the integration of more engaged learning experienc-

es, which he defined as instances of deep, profound learning. These experiences could take the form of semester-long projects that apply problem solving and creative thinking to real-world problems. McDonald said these significant projects would ideally be put into students' portfolios.

The third suggested improvement involved international outreach. McDonald is seeking to diversify UM's campus, and believes he has the connections to do so. Having worked with students in China, South Korea and Morocco, McDonald wants to create a pipeline for those students into UM, and generally broaden the University's reach into the international world.

The fourth proposition McDonald shared was integrating open educational resources (OER) in UM classrooms. OER reside in public domain or are licensed to be freely used and repurposed by others. In UM's case, OER would be utilized as a means of combatting rising textbook prices. According to Ford, increasing book prices have led to students not purchasing required texts, taking fewer courses or, in extreme

cases, dropping a course because they cannot afford the book. According to McDonald, UM isn't the only institution interested in OER. In the coming months, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education will be holding workshops pertaining to their use in university settings.

McDonald also utilized the Town Hall to inform students of an upcoming initiative he intends to take personally: setting up specific dates where students can have a meal with him to discuss their concerns. Academic affairs, ideas for the campus or personal matters are all welcomed topics of conversation.

The provost additionally encouraged students to voice any current ideas for improvement they had at the moment, and attendees chimed in with suggestions like offering a greater variety of foreign languages, addressing scheduling conflicts between required major courses and extending Thursday and Saturday library hours.

This meeting was not the first of its kind SGA has hosted. Rather, the organization has utilized these Town Halls as a means of commu-

nity forum for some time.

"The purpose of Town Hall meetings is to open communication between students and the SGA, as well as faculty and staff the students wouldn't normally have the chance to communicate with," said SGA Vice President Tori Irvin.

"To me, this was the world's best icebreaker as a new provost," said McDonald. "We wouldn't exist without students, and we want to make sure the student experience is a really good one and a really powerful one. I need to find all kinds of ways to stay plugged in with the student body and learn much more about their needs and interests and goals and aspirations."

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UM: a home to future engineers

By VANDY MYERS



Despite lacking an engineering program, UM is a stepping stone for aspiring engineers. Photo courtesy of University Relations.

While the University of Montevallo doesn't have an engineering program, students planning to go into engineering can take their first two years of pre-engineering classes here. The school's dual degree program allows students to take a math-heavy curriculum at Montevallo and transfer to their choice of several different engineering universities which will accept the required transfer credits. Engineering students can ultimately graduate with a degree in mathematics and another in engineering if they participate in the dual degree program.

I originally came to Montevallo to study art. It was as much a surprise to me as to anyone else when I fell in love with Montevallo's mathematics program during my first calculus class. When you

build up a solid foundation of mathematics, it all seems to click into place. The concepts you've been familiarizing yourself with for years take on a greater meaning within the larger structure of mathematics and the corresponding physical interpretations they have with the real world. Seeing those familiar equations I learned in high school for what they really are and how they were developed was more satisfying than I could have imagined at the time.

I went on to take more advanced math classes alongside my art classes (and I still draw during my math classes, too!). I was unsure how to pursue this newly acquired interest until I learned about the dual degree program and some of the other nuanced features of transferring from Montevallo.

While I'm not in the dual degree program, working with my professors and academic advisors to accommodate pre-engineering and art at the same time has been more than rewarding.

For students like myself, taking math at Montevallo is especially appealing because of the student-to-teacher ratio. You have the opportunity to form real connections with your professors and your fellow students should you chose to pursue a scientific field of study. Without exception, each of my professors has striven to challenge me and help me grow academically, especially when I sought it out. The passion that they have for what they do and for teaching is apparent every day that I go to class. My academic advisors have always made time to help me plan for the future, select classes that appeal to me and learn about classes I never even knew I wanted to take.

Even without a degree in engineering, Montevallo is still an environment where young engineers can thrive early in their college career. It has a wonderful mathematics department and endlessly devoted mathematics professors who want nothing more than to see their students succeed. Perhaps the small engineering community here on campus can serve as the starting point for the University to someday add an engineering department of its own. For now, I'll appreciate the three years I've had of tightknit math, science and art classes, the friendships I've made and the personal growth I've undergone.

Student Government Recap

By ERIN GREEN

The Student Government Association held its weekly senate meeting on Oct. 25. The executive officers gave their reports after the meeting was officially called by Vice President Tori Irvin. Kendall Criswell, the STARS/Higher Ed Day coordinator, announced that there would be a tabling event for Higher Ed Day in the future. Cage Williamson, student trustee, announced that the Board of Trustees would meet Nov. 1, and Justin Williams, director of social services, announced that there would there would be a blood drive Nov. 14 and 15. Concerning new business, two bills were passed that called for "amending permanent privilege of the student senate floor as it pertains to the" student trustee and treasurer. The patrons of the bills included SGA Treasurer Jordan Wilson, President Pro-Tempore Tyon Hudson, and Junior Senator Erin Green. The SGA Senate also swore in two new senators. Andrew Glover was sworn in as the new senior senator, and Austin Frederick was sworn in as the housing senator. The SGA Senate also had a discussion about implementing Chartwell's proposal for sustainable to-go boxes. The to-go boxes would be similar to plastic containers and students would pay a one-time fee of \$6 for semester to-go box usage. Students would swap in their used to-go box for a clean one, so students do not have to carry their to-go box around with them, they can be given a token instead to get a to-go box. It is recommended by the SGA that students find their designated senators and give their opinions on switching to sustainable to-go boxes. The next SGA Senate meeting will be held Nov. 8.

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'Thor: Ragnarok' review: Good fun, all of it

By MOIRA MACDONALD, *Seattle Times*



Chris Hemsworth reprises his role as Thor in the third movie.

None of us doubted that Cate Blanchett would make a kick-ass comic book movie villain, did we? There she is, in Taika Waititi's goofily entertaining "Thor: Ragnarok," as Hela, Goddess of Death, styled like a malevolent combination of Catwoman and Cher. (Her outfit nods to the current bare-shoulder fashion trend; apparently goddesses also read Vogue.) She's been locked away for an eternity, we learn, so she's understandably cranky,

smoothing back her hair in a threatening manner (you quickly learn to flinch when she does this), hissing her lines in a refrigerated deadpan. Now freed, her silky evilness knows no bounds. Does Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and his hammer possibly have a chance against such a foe?

The happiest surprise of this third Thor installment isn't that Blanchett is such a kick--come on, you knew she would be--but that the rest of the movie is, too.

Waititi, the New Zealander whose credits include the irresistible vampire mockumentary "What We Do in the Shadows" (if you haven't seen it already, have I got a Halloween-week movie pick for you) gives the familiar superhero formula a cheeky nudge. The plot's the usual saving-the-world stuff--in this case, the world is Thor's homeland Asgard--and the special effects and battle scenes are zippy but familiar. (Disclaimer: At the screening I attended, the sound cut out in the last minute or so of the film, so I suppose it's possible that Thor and the gang closed things out by reciting T.S. Eliot or speaking Klingon or singing a song from "Les Misérables." But I've been assured that they didn't. Somebody please tell me if they did.)

No, the fun here is in the little moments the actors find, and in the way that Waititi, within the massive machine that is a studio superhero movie, brings out a looseness and playfulness in the performances. Tom Hiddleston's Loki

remains an irresistible bad boy, slyly smiling to himself as he remembers a misdeed; Tessa Thompson, as the hard-drinking warrior Valkyrie, gets a hilarious entrance to the franchise as she expertly falls off a ramp; Jeff Goldblum, sporting blue eyeliner and a campy emcee-of-a-reality-show vibe, languidly saunters off with all of his scenes.

Hemsworth's Thor, that most lunkishly likable of superheroes, carries this franchise as lightly as he tosses that hammer. He's even got a perfect little rom-com moment, when he tries to appear suavely casual but doesn't know what to do with his hands. (Even Norse gods, it seems, have moments they'd like to do over.) And Waititi himself supplies the movie's offbeat heart as Korg, a creature made of rocks who lumbers through the action with a resigned, New Zealand-accented cheerfulness. "I tried to start a revolution," he offers, "but I didn't print enough pamphlets." Good fun, all of it.

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First charges against former Trump aids reveal an aggressive strategy by Mueller

By JOSEPH TANFANI and DAVID WILLMAN, Tribune Washington Bureau

The first criminal charges filed in the investigation of President Donald Trump's campaign aides and Russia's meddling in the 2016 election come straight from a well-thumbed playbook of white-collar crime prosecutions--reward defendants who cooperate, drop the hammer on those who won't and scare others into talking.

The harsh indictments of Trump's former campaign manager and his deputy--and news that a third former campaign aide has been secretly cooperating with investigators since July--are a clear sign that special counsel Robert S. Mueller III has adopted a bare-knuckle strategy and that more indictments are almost certain, according to former prosecutors.

"I think this sends a message to people in the crosshairs that this is serious, and they should govern themselves accordingly," said Robert Capers, the former top federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of New York, a traditional clearinghouse for organized-crime prosecutions and complex terrorism cases.

Peter Zeidenberg, a former public corruption prosecutor at the Justice Department, said he thought more charges were coming soon. "They've got all kinds of irons in the fire, I am quite sure," he said.

Robert Mueller, a former FBI director and federal prosecutor, has led the investigation since May to determine whether anyone in the Trump campaign actively

cooperated with a Russian intelligence scheme to undermine U.S. democracy and damage Hillary Clinton's chances last fall. But Mueller also has the authority to prosecute other crimes he finds. Paul Manafort, a wealthy Washington lobbyist and power broker who ran the Trump campaign for several crucial months last year, and his top business and political aide, Richard W. Gates III, were the first to take the hit.

They were arraigned Monday in federal court on a dozen charges of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering in an alleged scheme to conceal more than \$75 million overseas without paying taxes, and using millions to buy luxury cars, expensive suits and fancy homes. Both pleaded not guilty.

But just as the White House was celebrating that the arrests were not linked to Russian meddling, Mueller's team dropped a bombshell: a 30-year-old foreign policy adviser, George Papadopoulos, had already pleaded guilty to lying about his contacts with Russians offering "dirt" on Clinton--and had been secretly assisting prosecutors for months.

Papadopoulos cut a plea deal that means he will probably serve no more than six months in prison. In court papers, he was described as a "proactive" cooperator, a term that veteran prosecutors say sometimes signals that a defendant has been wearing a hidden recording device to gather evidence on others.

"The signal [Mueller] sends to

every other potential witness is pretty clear," said Randall Eliason, a former federal prosecutor in Washington and a law professor at George Washington University. "Be like George, come in and cooperate, and cut a deal. If you stonewall us, you'll end up like Manafort."

Manafort and, to lesser extent, Gates, risk significant prison sentences if they are convicted and do not assist Mueller's investigation, perhaps by implicating others, according to a former senior Justice Department prosecutor who asked not to be identified discussing an active case.

"We'll see how strong they are when they're facing prison," he said.

Lawyers and others familiar with the investigation said Mueller's dramatic one-two roundhouse punches should instill dread among individuals and professional services companies who might be implicated by Manafort, Gates, Papadopoulos or others caught up in the investigation.

Like Manafort, some of those at risk, they said, are part of Washington's distinct business culture--derided by Trump as denizens of "the swamp"--high-priced companies that specialize in legal representation, lobbying and public relations in the political sphere.

The investigation already has spread across party lines. Democratic super-lobbyist Tony Podesta stepped down from his lobbying business Monday. His

company, the Podesta Group, had worked with Manafort to represent a pro-Kremlin faction in the Ukraine.

And Sam Clovis, a former Trump campaign co-chairman and radio host who sent emails to Papadopoulos encouraging his efforts to set up meetings with Russian officials during the campaign, has hired a lawyer and, according to NBC News, appeared before the grand jury Mueller is using.

Clovis' lawyer, Victoria Toensing, said Clovis "vigorously opposed" any trips to Russia by Trump or his staff and, as "a polite gentleman from Iowa," was only trying to be courteous to Papadopoulos. She said in a statement that Clovis, who has been nominated for a senior job in the Department of Agriculture, hasn't communicated with Papadopoulos since the election.

One key question is whether Papadopoulos' outreach efforts to Moscow were approved by the campaign, and whether he briefed then-candidate Trump, who had praised the aide as an "excellent guy" to The Washington Post editorial board.

Starting in March 2016, Papadopoulos pursued meetings with people who claimed to be intermediaries of the Kremlin, including someone he thought was Russian President Vladimir Putin's niece, and a London-based professor who told him that Moscow had obtained "thousands of emails" that would embarrass Clinton.

That was two months before the

first pilfered Democratic emails were published on WikiLeaks and other sites. Whether the Russian contacts were pretenders, or Russian intelligence agents, isn't clear. The woman was not related to Putin and the meetings never happened.

After Papadopoulos sent one email boasting about his Russian contacts, Manafort forwarded it to another campaign official with the message: "We need to communicate that DT is not doing these trips. It should be someone low level in the campaign so as not to send any signal."

As the dust settled from Mueller's first public salvo, several lawyers said Tuesday they were not yet persuaded that Mueller's team is close to establishing complicity or coordination between Trump's campaign and Russia's intelligence operation.

The gravity of Mueller's evidence remains unclear, said John C. Gibbons, a former assistant U.S. attorney who once headed a federal organized-crime and racketeering strike force in Los Angeles. "They're trying to work their way up the chain," Gibbons said. "But what's the chain?"

Mark Corallo, a former Justice Department spokesman who represented Trump's legal team this year, said special counsel investigations, which have almost unlimited resources and time, can lapse into overreach and abuse.



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Social media giants testify before Congress

By WAID JONES

On Nov. 1, Facebook, Twitter and Google testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism. Republican Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina opened the hearing positively towards the companies, praising them for their ability to allow lawmakers to better connect with their constituents. He elaborated on how social media and the internet are a large part of our lives. However, the committee then became critical of the social media giants, especially Facebook.

"Why has it taken Facebook 11 months to come forward and help us understand the scope of this problem, see it clearly for the problem it is and begin to work in a responsible legislative way to address it?" Senator Chris Coons, Democrat of Delaware asked.

Facebook has recently acknowledged the presence of politically-motivated ads that were targeted at the American people through its service. Evidence has shown 126 million of the company's users saw inflammatory ads that were purchased by Kremlin-linked company Internet Research Agency.

During the ongoing discussion of Russian political involvement, Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg commented dismissing the allegations that the website hosted foreign political ads, calling it, "a crazy idea."

Zuckerberg and Facebook have since attempted to assuage Congress and the general public that they are doing everything in their power to combat the developing problem of foreign interference in U.S. elections by launching an internal investigation, as well as promising to hire over 1,000 new employees to manually sift through political advertising.

Twitter's acting general counsel, Sean Edgett, mentioned that the abuse of social media platforms for state-sponsored political manipulation is a newfound problem within the medium, a sentiment echoed by the subcommittee members. The U.S. has had laws regulating transparency within advertising in print, television and radio for years, but through a loophole in the specificity of the language, internet advertisements are not currently covered.

The tech giants have voiced support for legislation to bring more transparency to their

platforms. One of these bills, The Honest Ads Act, sponsored by Democratic Senators Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, and Mark Warner of Virginia and co-sponsored by Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona, would require anyone who spends more than a certain amount on political advertising to disclose personal information to the IRS, as is required for political advertising on other platforms.

In 2010, Facebook and Google both spoke out against federal regulation of political advertising on their platforms when the Federal Election Commission exempted Google from rules that required the identification of an ad's buyer.

The hearing became heated when Senator Al Franken, Democrat of Minnesota, asked Facebook why it accepted payment in foreign currency for American political ads and how "Facebook, which prides itself on being able to process billions of data points and instantly transform them in the personal connections with its user, [could] somehow not make the connection that electoral ads, paid for in rubles, were coming from Russia?"

Colin Stretch, general counsel for Facebook, noted the rejection of a foreign currency would not have properly solved the problem.

This statement did not satiate the Senator's desire to impress upon the Facebook attorney that the subcommittee's purpose within the hearing was to force the companies to actually think through the problem.

The companies did admit the problem of foreign-sponsored advertising on their platforms was more widespread than they first believed, with Google admitting that more than 1,000 videos were uploaded to YouTube by the Internet Research Agency and Twitter admitting over 131,000 tweets were published to its platform by the same agency.

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Dr. Jim Day honored as Hometown Hero

By MADISON GRIGGS



Dr. Dr. Jim Day's book explores the history of Birmingham as an Iron City. Photo courtesy of University Relations.

University of Montevallo Professor of History, Dr. Jim Day, of Helena, was honored as a Hometown Hero at the Montevallo Mayor's Hometown Heroes Breakfast on Friday, Oct. 13. Day also served as keynote speaker of the event. Day, who was raised in Montevallo, graduated from Montevallo High School in 1975. He went on to earn a B.S. in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point and an M.A. in history from the University of Georgia. After 16 years of active duty service in the United States Army, Day earned the title of executive officer, chief of staff and operations officer of a 682-man infan-

try battalion. Day began teaching history at the University of Montevallo in 1997, and received his Ph.D. from Auburn University in 2002. During his tenure as a professor, he has served as chair of the Institutional Effectiveness Committee, the Library Committee, and currently serves as chairperson for the UM Representative to the Alabama Historical Commission and the UM Representative to the Alabama Historic Ironworks Commission. He has been involved in more than 25 professional organizations including the Alabama Association of Historians, the Alabama Higher Education Part-

nership and serves as the founding president of the Montevallo Historical Society. His book, "Diamonds in the Rough: A History of Alabama's Cahaba Coal Field," won the Alabama Historical Association's Clinton Jackson Coley Award for best work on Alabama local history in 2014. In addition to being honored at the Hometown Heroes Breakfast, Day has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Quilt of Valor and Military Service Medal from the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution, the National Collegiate Education Award and the title of University Scholar from the University of Montevallo. During his acceptance speech at the breakfast, Day shared 12 paradoxes of everyday life that he experienced during his lifetime. His final point stated that, in order to plan as if we'll live forever, we must act as if we'll die tonight. "Relationships are key. Therefore, it's imperative to make a positive impact everyday," said Day in conclusion.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

We can take this week to look two presidential elections, one with one of the lowest win margins and the other with one of the highest win margins. We start our journey with one of the lowest vote counts that separated the winner and loser, President James Madison ran against Dewitt Clinton. This election gave Madison a vote of confidence after entering into the war of 1812. Clinton was nominated by the Federalist Party even though he himself was a Democratic-Republican. Clinton's campaign suffered from an unclear campaign platform due to a division of loyalties between the Federalists and his own party leading to confusion amongst voters causing one of the closest elections in U.S. history with Madison's margin of victory being only 2.8%, after receiving 140,431 votes and Dewitt receiving 132,781 a difference of only 7,650 votes. After losing Clinton would go on to become the governor of New York where he sponsored the creation of the Erie Canal. The economic benefits of the Erie Canal would go on to make New York what it is today. Today also marks the 81st anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's landslide victory in the 1936 Presidential Election. Roosevelt's victory was so complete that his opponent, Republican Alfred Landon, wasn't even able to win his home state and only carried two states overall, receiving a measly 36.5 percent of the total popular vote while receiving only eight votes in the electoral college. Part of the reason Roosevelt won so handily is that his main opponent, Senator Huey Long, died only a year prior to the election. Another possible challenger to Roosevelt had garnered large amounts of support through radio prior to the election, Father Charles E. Coughlin, however he was ineligible to run due to the fact that he was born in Canada. At the Republican National Convention, Alfred Landon was nominated, as well as Frank Knox as his running mate. Knox, who would later go on to be the secretary of the navy and the publisher of the Chicago Daily News, was, like many republicans, a critic of The New Deal. This win would begin Roosevelt's second term in office and continue to solidify Roosevelt's New Deal. He would go on to serve another term and be elected to a fourth. Roosevelt would not go on to serve out his fourth term however as he died in office on April 12, 1945.

Fashion on the bricks: sweater weather



By LILY DICKINSON and MAGGIE SANDERSON

With temperatures dipping into the cool 60s and brisk 50s (and the occasional freezing cold 40s), students here at Montevallo are doing their best to stay warm while looking cool. As such, everyone is getting their best winter wear out from the closet they stuck them in last semester. One of the most timeless and fashionable accessories that these freezing fashionistas are utilizing is the beloved

sweater. We asked a few knitwear-loving students for their thoughts on sweater weather. Junior Lonny Fanning IV, decked out in his cream colored Polo brand sweater that he got from Belk, enjoys the cold weather. "I used to stay in Maryland," he said. "So I'm used to it." This means that Fanning can be comfortable and warm on a nippy day, all while knowing he can show

off his best frigid fashion. "My favorite sweater outfit would be the peacoat, with the hoodie up under it. Toasty!" For those eager to have some cozy couture while also being cost effective, Alexis Brayer, a senior, can help. Brayer showed off her style in a lovely cardigan with an intricate and eye-catching design, "It was at Walmart. Fourteen dollars!" she said. The car-



Lonny Fanning IV (left) and Alexis Brayer (right) are prepared for any incoming cold fronts in their sweater weather looks. Photo by Lily Dickinson and Maggie Sanderson.

digan compliments Brayer perfectly. "It's olive green and I have green eyes, so I thought, hey it would be cute!" According to Brayer, her favorite fall outfit is both comfortable and cute. "I look homeless one hundred percent of the time, so just jeans and this lovely sweater from Walmart!" For anyone looking to achieve a similar snug style, the thrift store would be a great place to start. Any

thrift store in the area will be stocked full of comfy and chic sweaters of all different types. From pull-overs, to button ups, to crazy and wacky patterns and designs, there are so many choices to pick from for anyone who wants to be ready for sweater weather!